



# Memorandum

**To:** CITY COUNCIL

**From:** Mayor Liccardo  
Councilmember Jimenez  
Councilmember Carrasco  
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**Subject:** SEE BELOW

**Date:** August 16, 2019

**Approved:**

**SUBJECT: COUNTY OF SANTA CLARA REPORT ON POTENTIAL CLOSURE OF REID-HILLVIEW AIRPORT**

## RECOMMENDATION

Accept the report from the County of Santa Clara on potential closure of the Reid-Hillview Airport and:

1. Ask staff to convey the importance of capacity-building activities to be addressed by the County prior to site closure and city approval of entitlements, including:
  - a. Completion of tower and navigation capacity at the San Martin airport as outlined in the 2006 South County Airport Master Plan (including any necessary traffic flow and safety improvements),
  - b. Relocation of the San Jose State University (SJSU) Aviation Program to a suitable local alternative site in either San Martin or Hayward, and,
  - c. Relocation of Civil Air Patrol and Cal Fire to a site that allows for emergency/disaster response.
2. Support staff's joint planning efforts with the county, and ask
  - a. The Office of Economic Development to review the potential for increased economic development throughout the Reid-Hillview flight path, and incorporate analysis within the City Wide Retail Strategy Plan.
  - b. Planning to consider economic opportunities in future long range planning efforts.

## BACKGROUND

The potential closure of Reid-Hillview Airport by 2031 offers a dual opportunity to both improve neighborhood safety, and to explore the creation of much needed mixed-income housing and expanded economic development, for a region of the city that has often suffered from underinvestment. We appreciate the County presenting to the City Council and their progress in this effort which has been long awaited by the Eastside San Jose community.

As the City and County continue down the path of bringing this vision to fruition, it is important that the City is clear about important prerequisites – a) ensuring the ongoing competitiveness and safety of Mineta San José International Airport by limiting the challenging integration of large and small aircraft, and, b) supporting the training of our next generation of pilots and airline industry professionals from SJSU, and c) ensuring continued air response for emergencies.

COUNCIL AGENDA

August 20, 2019

**Subject: Reid-Hillview Airport**

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